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UNIT OF WORK IN ALASKA
THE REV. J. EARL JACKMAN, SECRETARY
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, 10, N. Y.

MOTORSHIP PRINCETON-HALL
THE REV. PAUL H. PROUTY, GENERAL MISSIONARY
BOX 2615
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Jan. 17 '44

Dear Earl;

We are underway between Metlakatla and Ketchikan, the water is not just exactly smooth so there may be brevity and a few misuses herein. Busy is the word with a capital B.

The check from Mrs. Andrew Nohle, (Charlotte C. Nohle as she signs her name now ~~since her husband's death~~) is from an old friend. She gave more than \$800.00 one time when I solicited her for church funds. I met her helping drive a drove of hogs to market. Jumping from my car I assisted in the drive just when the whole bunch of hogs was about to stampede. She has also assisted with Camp Miles in Montana. Would it be asking too much for you to write her a letter of thanks for this check which she specifies for the Princeton-Hall?

The \$65.00 given by the Metlakatla Presbyterian Church for furniture for Sam Johnson at Hoonah we (Mr. Swogger & I) thought should go through your office to be disbursed as you direct.

\$7.00 was given by the Hoonah Missionary Society out of sheer joy and gratitude that the boat came to them when they needed encouragement. \$17.80 is from the Klawock choir offering received in Hydaburg and should be credited the Klawock choir.

I know you are as anxious for publicity as I am anxious to write it, but I state faithfully and emphatically there has been such a jam of things to do that there has been no time thus far but after the 20th there must be time and I shall demand it .

We go on the ways in Metlakatla for the first half of March for painting and renewal of keel and repairs to hull.

Had a fine conference with Verne Swanson and Alfred Swogger and plans are being ironed out for Presbytery's transportation to Hydaburg. The date is not yet announced as there is an effort to coordinate with Yukon so that dates will not conflict.

We are nearing port and I am a part of the crew so adios till later.

God is good and we feel His care,

For His Son's sake,

Sincerely,

Paul

June 29, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul E. Prouty
Box 443
Baker, Oregon

Dear Paul:

We have been hoping to have some definite information for you concerning the return of the Princeton-Hall. Negotiations were held up because of a delay in the passage of the proper legislation to give us the first right of repurchase on the boat. That has been passed now; the navy has released the boat to the War Shipping Administration and it is available for repurchase as soon as we can complete the proper appraisals and negotiations on the price. Leslie Yaw is taking care of it for us on the Sitka end and is now awaiting a visit from the War Shipping Administration representative. Things may break quickly or they may be delayed for a couple of months. In any case we hope to have the boat back in our possession by September first.

We would like to have you be ready about that time to pick up where you left off two years ago.

There are several matters which we need to discuss and arrange before you go back. You indicated that you wanted to have a conference with me about some of the conditions of your service up there before you returned for that service. I have drawn up a statement covering your activities in the Presbytery of Alaska. This is enclosed for your examination and reaction. Please be free to say what is in your mind about it. Don't hesitate to criticize it or to offer suggestions if it does not seem to cover what you have in mind. Copies of it have been sent to Verne Swanson, Chairman of National Missions, Willis Booth, former Chairman of National Missions, and Leslie Yaw at Sitka. Mr. Yaw is a member of the Committee on National Missions and, of course, the superintendent of the School so he would look at the thing from two angles. Suggestions or criticism have been invited and I hope this whole matter may be clearly understood by everyone by the time you enter service so that there may be no cause for misunderstandings later.

We own a house in Juneau which has been rented recently. You may or may not know something about the house. I have written to Willis Booth, who is receiving the rent from the property, asking him to request the family to vacate by September first so that the house will be available for occupancy then or soon thereafter.

June 29, 1944

It has been the policy of the Board to furnish our manse in Alaska but I am not sure that we have any furniture for this house. If we do not have would you want to move your furniture at our expense to Juneau?

I have made no final decision in regard to your salary for this work. Living costs are higher in Alaska than they are down here. We should allow you the equivalent or more of what you are getting now. We are going to have to ask the Administrative Office to provide funds in addition to our regular Alaskan budget to cover the necessary cost of the boat and the missionaries on the boat. Tentatively it would seem to me that the salary ought to be about \$2100 and house. This figure is subject to revision if conditions warrant it. Our main principle is that we want you to be provided with a modest basis of living during your service. If you have any ideas on this matter do not hesitate to offer them.

The Rev. R. Nelson Buswell of Montana has written requesting your services for the Young People's Conference from July 9-16. He made this special request for you inasmuch as this is the tenth anniversary of this conference and you had a part in establishing it. He indicated that he had talked to you about this sometime last winter. Our Young People's Office which is responsible for the leadership for National Missions' courses in our Young People's Conferences is willing to pay your travel from home to the conference and back if you can assume this leadership. You have our approval to be there but we will want to know your decision. With the situation developing so rapidly in Alaska it may be possible that you will find it difficult to work this into your schedule so soon.

You said you wanted to have a conference with me before you returned to Alaska. I have no other reason for going to Oregon this summer and really do not have the time, but if you feel the conference is essential I shall take the time to make the trip. I am to be in Chicago the first week in August for the minister's conference and would go on to Oregon from there if it is necessary. You decide this matter as you think best and I shall abide by your decision. I want you to go with a clear mind concerning all relationships so that there will be no possibility of misunderstandings. We have a number of vacancies in Alaska Presbytery and there is a tremendous need for service awaiting you there. It might seem best for us to talk over the whole situation in the entire Presbytery but I shall leave that to you.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Enc. Statement re: Gen'l Miss'y

JUL 17 1944

Presbyterian Sunday School Missions

1107 W. Knox
Spokane, Wash.
July 13 '44

Rev. Earl Jackman;
Sec'y;

Dear Earl,

Just now of course when a letter comes from I56 all my family are in a tight huddle till we learn the contents. As usual, we are delighted again with the prospects suggested by July 10th developements.

I shall meet you in Omaha as you outline on the 28th or 29th of July. Will you please write me in care of Camp Miles, Red Lodge, Montana as to exact time and place? Thanks.

In noting your application for permission to enter Alaska I hope there may be opportunity for my wife's mother, and for my married daughter who is living with us till her soldier husband returns, (she is "E" rated, Senior stenographer with Civil Service, a better typist than her Dad!) to go with us. I will write the Alaska Travel Control,

Fourth Floor 1331 3rd Ave. Bldg.

Seattle 1 Wash.

and refer to your request from New York giving the names of my family and their status. This may expedite matters.

Had we known the boat might be ready Aug. 1st we perhaps would not have accepted the conference work in Montana but I feel there is a call there that must be met. It appears the Sept. 1st arrival for work is about as soon as delayed boat sailings etc. will permit.

Faithfully,

Paul

July 17, 1944

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty

~~1107 W. Knox~~

~~Spokane, Wash.~~

*c/o Camp Mills
Red Lodge, Montana*

Dear Paul:

Your letter of July thirteenth came this morning which would indicate that you wrote in response to my letter before you received the later telegram. Your response to our telegram would indicate the new location for our conference as the First Church of Fargo, North Dakota. This will probably give you less travel and will give me about the same amount.

We hope it will be possible for the other members of your family to go with you as you desire. We had asked the Alaska Travel Control Board for application forms only and had planned to forward them to you but you will probably receive them direct from Seattle. This ought to get quicker action.

In regard to your married daughter going with you, if her husband happens to be in Alaska she will not be permitted to accompany you. However, if he is stationed some other place there is no reason why she could not go and probably could find employment in Juneau. We trust that it will all work out at an early date.

We are a little in the dark in regard to the return of the Princeton-Hall. Washington has notified us that the boat is available for repurchase and has asked us for a bid "as is where is". We have wired Leslie Yaw asking for an estimate of renovation and depreciation but he has informed us that Commander Hartnett at the Sitka Air Base has not been informed of the release of the boat. They are waiting for a representative of the War Shipping Administration to arrive. The thing may break any day in full or may be delayed for several weeks. Meanwhile we feel you should make your plans to proceed to Alaska as early as convenient.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

re Paul Prouty

August 1, 1944

Herbert J. Lake
Major, A.U.S.
Chief, Travel Control Branch
Headquarters Alaskan Department
Base Echelon
1331 Third Avenue
Seattle 1, Washington

My dear Major Lake:

The Rev. Paul Prouty of 1107 W. Knox Street, Spokane 12, Washington has applied to Alaska Travel Control for application forms for permits to enter Zone A in Alaska. Mr. Prouty is a missionary of the Presbyterian Church, and the Board of National Missions is planning to send him to Juneau as a missionary on a boat in southeastern Alaska. He will be accompanied by his family.

Your cooperation for travel arrangements at an early date will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

August 10, 1944

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 443
Baker, Oregon

My dear Mr. Prouty:

We have just had the following word from the Alaska Control Branch of the War Department in Seattle, Washington:

".....you are advised that travel to Juneau is now unrestricted and permits are no longer required.

"Travel arrangements must be made with one of the commercial steamship companies who serve the Territory."

We are passing this word along to you for your information just in case you do not hear direct from the Alaska Control Board. We are also forwarding this information on to The Rev. Mr. Howell.

We trust that you have received the \$4.50 check which was sent to you at the above address direct from our Treasury Department in accordance with instructions received from Mr. Jackman from the field. If, for any reason, this check should not reach you in due time please let us know and we will trace it from this end. It was mailed to you on August 4th.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

FK

8/10/44
Copy to file J.

August 11, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
1107 W. Knox Street
Spokane 12, Washington

Dear Paul:

Word comes from Willis Booth that an electric range is not available in Juneau so you ought to consult with Wm. Howell in Renton about getting one when you pick out the furniture. Get a moderate priced one - not too cheap nor too expensive but one that will give satisfactory service.

The Paul family is planning to move from the house at 814 Gold Belt Avenue about September 1st. They have rented another house but some work needs to be done on it before they can move.

I have asked Willis Booth to have some work done on our house for you. There will be no Board meeting until the middle of September but I feel sure they will pass the appropriation.

Hope your plans are moving forward. The Navy is reconditioning the motor of the Princeton-Hall, but no word has come as yet about the price and resale.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

August 11, 1914

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
1107 W. Knox Street
Spokane 12, Washington

My dear Mr. Prouty:

Mr. Jackman is away from the office on vacation, but we are keeping him informed of all correspondence in reference to Alaska, etc. for his consideration. In a letter received from him this morning he instructed that the enclosed letter be sent to you via airmail and I am sending this one along with it. Mr. Jackman also calls to my attention that your address has been changed from Baker, Oregon to Spokane, Washington. This information must have reached our office while I was away for a week's vacation and through an oversight was not noted on my records. Therefore, I am repeating a letter which I sent to you yesterday to Baker, Oregon and which may not be directed to you.

"We have just had the following word from the Alaska Control Branch of the War Department in Seattle, Washington:

'.....you are advised that travel to Juneau is now unrestricted and permits are no longer required.
Travel arrangements must be made with one of the commercial steamship companies who serve the Territory.'

"We are passing this word along to you for your information just in case you do not hear direct from the Alaska Control Board. We are also forwarding this information on to The Rev. Mr. Howell.

"We trust that you have received the \$150 check which was sent to you at the above address direct from our Treasury Department in accordance with instructions received from Mr. Jackman from the field. If, for any reason, this check should not reach you in due time please let us know and we will trace it from this end. It was mailed to you on August 11th."

I certainly hope the above check reached you anyway. We are sending your September salary check to you to 814 Gold Belt Avenue, Juneau, Alaska per instructions from Mr. Jackman.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Post Office in Alaska

September 12, 1944

AIR MAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
1203 American Building
Seattle, Washington

Dear Paul:

In response to your request, we are sending you your August check for Sunday School Missions to Seattle, Washington. We had planned to end your relationship with the Unit of Sunday School Missions as of August 1st and begin your relation to the Unit of Work in Alaska as of September 1.

We have already sent your September check for Alaska to 814 Gold Belt Ave., Juneau, and it is probably there by this time. We were surprised to learn that you were still in Seattle. I have been telling people that you ought to be arriving in Juneau by this time. Presumably you have been held up because of shipping space and travelling conditions, but we hope you will get off very soon. They are waiting for you in Alaska.

We repurchased the Princeton Hall on August 17, and it was released to Leslie Yaw on August 21. The Navy tore the engine down and did a thorough job of putting in new liners, rings and worn bearings. They found a slight crack in the engine head assembly. They said it might have been there for a long time, and might last a long time, but would recommend that we purchase a new one. They were very cooperative in getting our boat reconditioned and out on the first.

Leslie Yaw used it to take Dr. Judd of Cincinnati over much of our work in Southeastern Alaska, and gathered up students for the school. They are now trying to make arrangements for the repainting job and other repairs which are necessary. We have sent \$1500.00 to Leslie which ought to cover several times the needed amount of repairs. Leslie is anxiously awaiting to turn the whole thing over to you when you arrive.

Willis Booth has been pushing the matter of your appearance at the Juneau property, so that much of the work will be done before you get there. He suggested it would be helpful to have you there before it was finished so you could select the color of the paint for the interior. It seems everyone is waiting for you, but we do not want to emphasize this too strongly, less you chafe under the delay. It will be a happy day for our work in Alaska when we get settled again in this service.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Sunday School Missions
& Work in Alaska

JEJ/mk enc. \$218.13
No. 9/028 -CC:Miss Keerner

Presbyterian Sunday School Missions

OCT 3 1944
Alaska

Box 2615
 Juneau, Alaska.

Wed. Oct. 4th '44

Rev. Earl Jackman,
 Sec'y Unit of S.S. Missions,
 156- 5th Ave. N.Y.

Dear Earl ;

At long last we are in the 814 house, albeit only a few hours since the painters left.

Willis Booth had done all he could to get work done on the house but when we arrived only a part of the plumbing had been done, all the carpenter work and painting was yet to come. Both Mr. and Mrs. Booth have been as utterly gracious and helpful as possible.

We arrived in Juneau Sat. Sept. 23rd about 4P.M. Mrs. Booth's mother was very low and immediately my wife and I began to do what we could in their behalf. Sunday evening she (Mrs. Cassell) passed away, and it being that a boat was going South on Tues. the 26th, a funeral was arranged for Monday, I having charge, Mr. Booth busy making travel and burial arrangements. They left on the 8 A.M. boat as scheduled. Then as the church work in Juneau Northern Light Church was thrust in my lap, coupled with the renovation of the house at 814, I have really been busy. Last Sunday, Oct 1st. being World-wide Communion we had a fine congregation and in the afternoon went to Auk Lake and held communion service with the little chapel crowded. Today I take the plane for Sitka expecting the first meeting with Presbytery committee members anent the work of the "Princeton- Hall". I wish things were cleared away so the schedule for the boat could begin at once, but the house here is unfinished, the goods have not all arrived, so will busily get them cleared as fast as possible and patiently await the pleasure of getting aboard for full time. (No windows as yet repaired in house, sash not arrived)

The report of the cost for transportation is as follows, I was shocked by it, but it could not be helped.

Lumber for crating from Monroe St. Lumber Co. Spokane \$ 32.95
 United Truck Lines, freight, Spokane to Seattle 124.59
 Hotel in Tacoma, Wash. 12.00
 " " Seattle 10.50
 Alaska Steamship Co. freight 338.16
 Fares for Mrs. P. Fred & Willard, & self, 4 x \$70.70) 518.20
 \$282.80.

Taxi fares
 for selves 6.00
 & baggage
 R.R. Spokane to Seattle 28.00
 3 full fares, IClergy
 Total fares \$ 316.80

Less 1/2

\$ 32.95
 124.59
 12.00
 10.50
 338.16
 518.20
 129.55
 \$388.65

316.80
 \$705.45
 450.00
 \$255.45

You advanced \$450.00
 Balance due me----

22.50
 277.95

Of course, Personal items of expense incidental to travel with a family have not been included.

almost forgot Drapery, Juneau
 dock to 814 Goodbye note -
 It was 30.00 less 1/4, = 22.50

079 1944

It was a very fine forethought of yours to have the salary check for Sept. in Juneau when I arrived. I thank you, don't know what I would have done without it.

The expense for the trip to Miles Memorial Summer Conference, Pendleton, Oregon; to Red Lodge, Montana, which I understood would come from Young Peoples work funds has not reached me. I sent itemized account to your office in August, marked for the office of Young Peoples work.

With every high hope lightening some fairly weary hours of late, but with a knowledge of sure fruit through faith in Him,

Sincerely,

Paul

Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Lumber	32.95
Port life to sea.	124.59
Port. Al. Steam. Co.	338.16
Tray Juneau	475.00
	123.72
	377.78
	239.30

4 525.70
- 131.425

Less 1/4	-
Total Freight	394.28
Fares	339.30
Total exp.	733.58
Less advance	450.00
	283.58
Port on Red Humm.	64.39
Tray on "	12.00
	359.97

Fares 4 @ 70.70	282.80
Taxi	6.00
Hotel Tax. Sea.	22.50
Fares up. to sea.	28.00
	339.30

Question return on sale of tickets

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on 1-16-44 PH.

OCT 18 1944

Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska.
Oct II '44

Rev. J. Earl Jackman;
Sec'y, Unit for Alaska.

Dear Earl;

There is much more to write about now so I suppose you will be hearing from me much oftener.

It is a goodly privilege to work with the Northern Light church officers for these three weeks. It is arranged for other pulpit service thro the last two Sundays of October, altho Mr. Booth wont be back probably until Nov. I asked to be relieved.

A meeting of the Nat'l Missions committee is called for Sitka while Verne Swanson will be there the 16th of Oct. Leslie and I went over the outline for program and duty of the Princeton-Hall in detail, a thing I wished to do before the meeting of the committee. Leslie is very clear in understanding I find. And fair, and loyal. I took passage on the plane, going over on Thursday, returning for the worship service here Sunday. The staff at Sheldon Jackson were warm in their welcome and I found my esteem for them and their institution stronger if that is possible, than it was during the more than six months I was with them during the building of the Princeton-Hall. My regard is founded not upon a supposition that they keep barricaded against the cross currents and discords of the times, but upon the knowledge that they meet severest sort of opposition and trial, & through prayer and counsel move on day after day to solutions for seemingly unsolvable problems. I thrill in the sense that more Christian grace is in constant play at S.J.S. than any place I know. It must needs be so. And the wonders of redemption that have been demonstrated there !!

It may surprise you, but am sure it will please you to learn that my wife has said, "I do not want the Board to sell this house, (speaking of 814 Gold Belt) I would hate to move from here". All of us enjoy the church and schools here.

The house has a definite value, undeniable, of \$6000 as property is now valued. The wiring is being installed today for the electric stove so we will soon get off the slow two burner plate we have used till now. Two roomers were in the house of Northern Light and would care for the Booth things (& cat) while we could get so much more accomplished living on the improvement site, time goes so swiftly.

Some items that may go to a different department are referred to on separate sheet.

With joy in Alaskan service,

Sincerely for His name in magnified ways.

Paul

P.S. Thanks for the check of \$27.55 covering expense to Miles Memorial conference.

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October 19, 1944

Mr. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Prouty:

Enclosed find check for your trailer. Am sorry about the delay in getting your money to you, but Mr. Hawley was called into the service on the 12th of this month and we had a million and one things to attend to before he left.

If we can be of service to you in the future please call on us.

Yours very truly,

HAWLEY'S TRAILER STORE

E. Madeline Hawley
E. Madeline Hawley

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Presbyterian Sunday School Missions

OCT 26 1944

Sitka-by-the-Sea.
Oct. 21 '44

Dear Earl;

Yesterday afternoon we took the Princeton-Hall from the Coon's float and brought her to a float near Andrew Hope's boat shed. Larry Doig of the S.J.S. staff was splendid help as I swung circles and manuevered to practice landings at a red buoy of the Bay.

Also I brought her to the Northland docks and later to the present float . She handles magnificently .

Ralph Young Sr. quietly hovers over every move and is kindly counsel much respected by men who know South East Alaska boating . I enjoy his assistance much.

We hope to interest Andrew Wanamaker, formerly one of our workers, and a ^{former} quartermaster on one of the Commercial Steamship lines in reinstating himself . It would be a work for the Holy Spirit in regeneration, and we believe in that power .

Prayer has been made by our group, by Andrew's daughter and son-in-law, and by other friends. He is receptive to our conversation. We await further results.

I do not know if you will want to continue the form of report blank and voucher attached, or not. I have several copies of this blank which were sent for the earlier plans . Whatever form you desire to meet present conditions is satisfactory with me.

I did not send a copy of this to the Chairman, as he sat in on the salary discussion and heartily approved the \$125.00 per month for Ralph Young or Andrew Wanamaker . Next month report will have details and usual 15th to 15th calls, with regular copies.

Sincerely,

Paul

PRINCETON-HALL
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

November 1, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

We were delighted to receive the information of the progress which you are making on the boat. It sounds as though it would soon be in shape for active service although it may not get its final coat of white paint until this Spring or early summer. While you are working on it with the grey paint half off, we hope the sun will shine long enough for you to take a picture of it. The suggestion has been made that it would give us a little more publicity if we showed some of the progress toward renovation. This may sound unnecessary to you and we may be too "promotion minded" but if it is not too much trouble you may get a good snapshot along the way.

We received the voucher for Robert Young, Sr. for one-half month on the basis of the salary of \$1500 a year. We have not sent a check on that voucher because we would conclude that you are using Mr. Young to help in the work of renovating the boat. If this is the case his salary should be charged to the cost of renovation. We would authorize you to pay it out of the fund which you have and include this in the final accounting which you will later send us. When you come to the time of actually putting the boat into service then we should have a report from you and a docket for Mr. Young. We will save our current budget in the amount of his salary during this period and charge it to renovation where it belongs.

Meanwhile, the Treasury Department will not pay salary because of income tax restrictions without a completed tax form. We are enclosing this form and will ask that Mr. Young complete it now and we shall have it on hand then when we are ready to docket him under the regular budget as the helper on the boat. We are also enclosing a Preliminary Information Form which we would like to have him complete. This will give us more information on him and his family.

We shall be looking for a report of active service. We have not received a statement of the final action of program which was agreed upon by

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The Rev. Paul H. Prouty

November 1, 1944

the Committee on National Missions. We presume that Verne Swanson will send this to us later but have not yet received it. I was wondering the other day what had become of Andrew Wanamaker and the possibility of his return to service with our Board seems desirable.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
JES:PK

Encls. (3) - Income Tax Forms (2)
Preliminary Information Form (1)

P.S. You have raised the question about the kind of report forms to be used. We shall ask you and your helper, whom we ought to give a better title than just helper, to use the regular form which was printed for this purpose before the boat was taken over by the Navy. There is one exception, you should cross out the word Sunday School Missionary because we consider you the General Missionary for Alaska Presbytery. We shall send enough forms for both of you in the near future.

per airmail

NOV 20 1944

Presbyterian Sunday School Missions

PRINCETON-HALL

Juneau Alaska

Box 261

Nov. 9 - 44

Dear Earl

Thanks for your fine letters -
- am preparing full report on committee meeting in Sitka, and first schedule results of our boat's visitations - Hope Committee Chairman has before this, reported to you.

The trailer house was not sold until recently as enclosed letter reports. = When I reached Juneau the returns were in, therefore

\$575⁰⁰ less \$200⁰⁰ (my investment) or

\$375⁰⁰ is enclosed. It is kind of

you to shoulder the depreciation and deflation. Trailers are now beginning

to be a drag on the market in the Northwest.

Several-page reports are in the making.

Sincerely & faithfully
Paul

November 24, 1944

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

Thank you for the check of \$375.-- as a refund on the trailer. Glad to know that you were able to dispose of it because we are coming to the time as you suggest when trailers may be flooding the market.

We know that you are busy and we are waiting for further information concerning all of your finances and work on the boat. We trust that things are going forward in every way. We hope that all of the direction which we have needed to give from here has been cleared about the payments of expenses on the boat and Ralph Young's part in the work which has been done. When you have finished the basic work, we will then expect to carry his salary in the regular budget of appropriations and not take it out of the cost of the work on the boat.

We have information that the boat is now back in the water and ready for service. We do have one situation for which we may ask you to look up some history and perhaps give some assistance. We have transferred Miss Emma Stauffer from Wales to Haines. She arrived at the end of October and is to live in Haines House taking the place of Miss Horner until she returns about January first from furlough. Then Miss Stauffer is to move to Klukwan and take up our work there. For about three years now we have not had a worker at Klukwan. The Pentecostal's have taken over our building and have been holding services. Mr. Bromley had notified them to move and then later on Mr. Booth made an arrangement whereby they could pay \$10 a month as rent with the understanding that they would move when we would have a worker available. Miss Stauffer has been up and has told them that she would be moving there January first. They claim to own all of the furniture in the property by right of purchase or possession over a period of three years. We have no record here as to what furniture was in the property when we last used it. We are writing to Mr. Bromley to see if he can help us with this information.

We are investigating the purchase of a Sanco oil heater and a six lid Lang coal or wood stove for Klukwan. If Mr. Howell can get it in Seattle we will have him ship it in the hope that it will arrive before January first. Miss Stauffer has also asked us to order coal and fuel oil if we can get it

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The Rev. Paul H. Prouty

November 24, 1944

to her in time. We hope for an early reply on this.

Will you contact Willis Booth and see what he knows about Klukwan in the matter of furniture and whether or not it is necessary to give a written notice to vacate our property there? We do not want to have any trouble over this and should cover our steps in doing it in a legal fashion. A letter from Willis sometime ago would indicate that the Office of Indian Affairs is not in sympathy with having these folks in the property. Perhaps they will cooperate with us in solving the problem to get our work reestablished.

We know you are up to your nose in work because you are that kind of a person but we hope to hear from you about your developments. Blessings upon you and yours.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEB:FK

November 30, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2625
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

We wrote you last week concerning our plans for Klukwan but on Monday received a telegram from Willis Booth indicating his embarrassment over our plans because of lack of coordination. We wired him to ask you to go up to Haines and Klukwan for an investigation.

Miss Stauffer has visited Klukwan and asked the workers there to leave in order that she might move in by January first. They in turn, as you know, have asked to buy the property indicating their determination to stay.

If it appears that a Presbyterian worker is not desired in Klukwan then the thing for us to do is to appraise the property for sale to the Pentecostals. I hate to do this because I believe from information received that the Dalton Highway may be used later and Klukwan may have a future along that Highway.

A letter from Mr. Fredsell of Skagway indicates that he was going over to Klukwan with Miss Stauffer to help her clear the arrangements with the occupants of our property. There is one Elder in the Klukwan Church, Dan Katzeek, whom Miss Stauffer did not see the day she visited there. He has wired Willis Booth that they desire the present occupants to remain. It may be through our neglect that we have lost this work.

If it appears that there is no place for Miss Stauffer in Klukwan then we ought to consider using her in some other place, possibly in Easaan. Will you contact Mr. Swogger concerning this possibility?

We would like to have a report on this as early as possible because we are asking Mr. Howell to investigate the possibility of getting an oil heater and a cook stove for Miss Stauffer at Klukwan. I shall have to depend upon your conference up there over these matters so please give us a report as early as possible so that we may clear all of these things involved.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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UNIT OF WORK IN ALASKA
THE REV. J. EARL JACKMAN, SECRETARY
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, 10, N. Y.

DEC 11 1944
MOTORSHIP PRINCETON-HALL
THE REV. PAUL H. PROUTY, GENERAL MISSIONARY
BOX 2615
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Dec. 3 '44

The Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
Sec'y, Unit of Work in Alaska,
156 5th Ave. New York.

Dear Earl;

There is much to write about, however I hope you will excuse this brief note.

Relative to the trip to Klukwan for a survey there, I have had a thoroughly splendid conference with Mr. Booth and the time is set for the week of Dec. 10th to 17th. Weather is very uncertain now, have already been in a two hour visibility zero situation within ten miles of where the Princeton went on the rocks. Lynn Canal is treacherous and a hazard on any but well planned journeys at this time of year. Therefore the time of a visit to Klukwan may be justifiably changed as to time, as we wish to stay long enough for a thorough finding of fact. The harbor at Haines is not too good either but we will attempt the trip as stated above.

As stated in November report the need at Hoonah for our services is great. They are still stunned by the enormity of their loss by fire. I found practically nothing done about carrying out the plan for a Quonset hut and Yakutat huts for living quarters for Sam Johnson. Have brought Sam to Juneau, held counsel with Mr. Booth, we all three went to Office of Indian Affairs and have secured everything including funds for a portion of the piling and labor, complete plans, Army barge for transportation, up to thirty-one Yak huts and the Quonset, all waiting for manpower to take down all huts and load, then unload and assemble. Many days will be involved but all well worth while. Am assisting with the organizing of manpower and expect good results.

Andrew J. Wanamaker is definitely out of the woods and on his happy way to new things. We took him to Angoon, participated in his marriage ceremony and reception, and heard as fine and encouraging remarks from his friends as could be made. He himself also inspired all by his relating the emptiness of days when he was like a ship without a rudder. Ralph Young is not at all well and the plan is to have Andrew at work on the Princeton-Hall by Jan. first.

More of our things in immediate future,

In His Service, Paul

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December 11, 1944

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The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

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J. EARL JACKMAN

10/11/44
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UNIT OF WORK IN ALASKA
THE REV. J. EARL JACKMAN, SECRETARY
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, 10, N. Y.

DEC 26 1944
MOTORSHIP PRINCETON-HALL
THE REV. PAUL H. PROUTY, GENERAL MISSIONARY
BOX 2618
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Dec. 17 '44

Dear Earl;

Well it is a real joy to work on the Princeton-Hall, there is always something to do.

Ralph Young has come to that age and state of heart disturbance where the doctor has ordered him off the boat. For two weeks now we have noted Ralph's strain and therefore are not surprised. Andrew Wanamaker is ready to come aboard tonite and begin where Ralph leaves off. In fact he has helped considerably during the past few days.

Walter Soboleff will be aboard too tonite and make the trip to Klukwan to report his reactions. The pre-Christmas trip to Haines House with gifts is also being accomplished and two boys who have been admitted to the Haines care will also be aboard.

Just today I received word from Alfred Swogger that the Kasaan field altho small is expected to grow in the Spring when the three-line cannery opens. A small crew is repairing it this winter. "My suggestion would be to send Miss Stauffer there to minister to that community, hoping that the work might be revived", writes he.

I will wire you, or Mr. Booth, as soon as we find what seems to be the better course for immediate action. Also of course bearing in mind Miss Stauffer's position.

Andrew Wanamaker worked in the Klukwan field for a considerable time so his presence will be of great aid to us.

And may I confidentially put in this paragraph? When I gave the Northern Light Church three weeks of my time, the Elders were very gracious and declared they would at their business meeting in November see that I would be recompensed. In a very confidential manner Mr. Booth brought me a thirty dollar check and said, "Now if we thought you would send this to the Board we would not give it to you". Well frankly it didn't set well with me. Who do they think I'm working for? But there was no open friction at all and I'm having my conscience cleared by forwarding the thirty to you.

The Princeton-Hall report will show an earning of over four hundred dollars on this next sheet. The trip to the Brotherhood convention made it. Too bad they are only once per yr. Sincerely, Paul

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

December 21, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box #2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

We were glad to get your report along with the pictures of the work on the Princeton-Hall. Evidently, the boat was not in quite as good shape as we first anticipated and much work needs to be done before it is in first class running order again. *Don't let it get away from you.*

We trust that your mission to Klukwan has been successful and the way may be open for our return to that village for Christian ministry. Mrs. Sparks of Haines was the one who suggested that we ask Walter to go with you, and the more I thought of it the more valuable her suggestion seemed to be. With three such good men going up there you should have over-persuaded the people of our sincere desire to minister to them.

We are glad to note the development in regard to the huts for Noonah. We supposed that Sam Johnson had been there and was giving some service although there was no place for him to live. Willis Booth has written asking about the disposition of Sam's salary check and I quite agree with him that it might be used for the labor on the huts until we can get Sam established there. We shall write this agreement to Willis as soon as possible.

The report of the meeting of the National Missions Committee has come in from Verne Swanson. In it is a record of the employment of Ralph Young until the end of December and the employment of Andrew Wanamaker as of January 1st. We have had no later report that this is to be effective at that time and we need this report from you so we can change the salary of the pilot from Young to Wanamaker. Your brief statement about Andrew is very encouraging for his future service. We trust that there is nothing involved in his family relationship which will hinder the real support from him in your ministry.

We are enclosing a receipt from the Treasury Department for the amount which was returned to us from the sale of your trailer. You ought to have this receipt for your own records. *Don't let it get away from you.*

December 21, 1944

We have received the enclosed Federal Use Tax Stamp for the boat. I presume you ordered this from Seattle in the name of the Board of National Missions and it has been forwarded to us at the office. You will want it for the boat.

Willis Booth has closed out his account with a building fund which he has been holding for us. He has indicated that a complete report is in the mail but we have not received it as yet. As soon as we can get our adjustments made here at the office we will refer these building matters to you because we will need some help from you on the field in seeing that they are properly cared for. George Betts has asked for a new roof for the Petersburg Church because of its leaking and has indicated that \$500 will be necessary for materials. Recently we purchased a new stove for this church and do not feel that we can put in the full amount of this needed roof. We have written him suggesting that he ask his people to bear a large part of the responsibility and we will provide as much as \$200 for our share. We also have on hand a gift of \$50 from the Bryn Mawr Church in Pennsylvania which can be added to our appropriation. There are some other property matters which we will gather together and write you about later. Meanwhile, I have available only \$1000 for building repairs in Alaska Presbytery this year. \$200 of this has been promised to Petersburg. There are some old items which need to be cleared up but we shall have to make this money stretch as far as possible. Our general policy would be to have the church be responsible for at least half of their building needs and more if possible. More of this later.

We are enclosing a copy of a letter to Mr. Harold B. Foss concerning the plans for the Hoonah Church. As these plans develop we shall be expecting you to "do the leg work" in their development. We shall want to seek the cooperation of Willis and Walter as far as possible.

We are thinking of you as you are attempting under handicaps to get your ministry started. People all over the country are asking about you and the Princeton-Hall. We are praying for great things for all of you.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
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" Copy Harold B. Foss' letter

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

December 27, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

We have just received your letter of December seventeenth with check enclosed and also your letter of December twenty-first which is a report on your visit to Klukwan. First of all may I say that we are glad you have cleared your conscience in regard to the check. Your attitude is perfectly right. We shall say nothing further about it.

We shall docket Andrew Kanazaker as of January first for the same salary which we were paying Ralph Young and ask that when Ralph receives his December check which he should have in his hands at present he will make the adjustment for December with Andrew. Andrew, of course, should make out his voucher each month and forward it with your report to the office. May I ask you to express the thanks of the Board to Ralph for his excellent help in getting the boat ready and his work thus far? At the same time will you express to Andrew our confidence in him as he returns to service with the Board of National Missions? A couple of months ago in going over some old records here in the office, I found his name and wrote it down with the purpose of inquiring what had become of him. We welcome him back to the service of the Church and hope the Lord will bless him and use him in a larger ministry.

We have received a letter from Willis Booth, also a wire, concerning the matter of labor expenses for the huts. Evidently, the contribution of the Moonah people has been exhausted and more money is needed for this labor cost. We have wired Willis to call upon you for extra funds needed and we will adjust this later in our accounts. It looks as though you would have a considerable amount of book-keeping to do until we get some of these things settled.

Congratulations upon the earning of the Princeton-Hall for this month. We want to work out a program later which will give us some advantage in our mission work and depreciation of the boat through these extra earnings.

Congratulations to the three of you on the fine manner in which you have handled your approach to the people of Klukwan. As I look at this thing now, we made a mistake in expecting Miss Stauffer to go into Klukwan without some preparation being made for her arrival. We have let her into a bad situation for which she is not responsible and it may prevent Klukwan from having the kind of ministry which they particularly need at this time.

December 27, 1944

We shall follow your recommendation of keeping our interest in Klukwan and strengthening it. That has been my purpose as Klukwan has come into my thinking in our Alaska program. It is true, we have failed and our faces are red because of our failure. We trust in the Providence of God that we may be able to strengthen our work with a satisfactory worker and the continuation of funds for a real ministry to this village.

We shall need some estimate of the costs for the repairs on the building and property. We have a limited amount of new money (\$1000) for building repairs in Alaska Presbytery this year. Already we have promised \$200 of this to George Betts and we have several applications for help from other fields. Haines needs some work done on our Church building there because of the cracks which have appeared as a result of the movement of heavy machinery around the building. We do not have a full picture of what we will be asked to do for some of the other places. If we reopen Kasaan which I want to do as soon as we have a worker and funds granting, of course, the situation warrants it, we shall need some money there for repairs. It is my general policy to ask the local people to do as much as possible in material and labor and have our Board funds supplement their efforts.

May we ask you to contact directly or through Andrew Mananaker, Dan Katzeek and tell him we are willing to help his people renovate the church property. Try to get from him an estimate of the cost on the basis of the information sought in the enclosed form. I can authorize you now to expend say \$200 on this property plus the money which we have in hand from the rent to the Pentecostal workers. We do not have a full statement on this but are waiting for Willis Booth's report which is supposed to be in the mail for the final figure. In making this promise for help in renovating the building, I do feel that we ^{are} doing it conditionally upon the resumption of our work and the occupancy of the minister. We are glad to note that the people themselves have done some work on the Church building and they are to be commended for this effort.

We have asked Walter Soboleff to make an investigation of a suitable hymnal which can be used in all of our Indian churches and then we will take steps to get the local congregations some additional help to provide themselves with a sufficient number of hymnals for congregational use. Walter is working on this and can give valuable help before hymnals are secured for Klukwan. We can get the funds now or as soon as needed for these hymnals.

As we consider a suitable lay-worker for Klukwan your recommendation that we do not send Miss Stauffer there under the present circumstances seems very wise. Also your recommendation that Cyrus Peck be the worker is acceptable to me but with one or two mental reservations. Cyrus is doing a good work in Klawock and I have felt should remain there through this year at least and possibly another year. A letter has just come in from him saying he is the President of the local camp of the Alaska Native Brotherhood in which office he can give a strong Christian leadership. I hate to disturb the good work and good relationships which he has there. On the other hand, it would be very convenient for Cyrus to be at Klukwan during the time his children are at Haines House. If he is willing to move under these conditions I am willing to have him move. This move could take place, so far as I am concerned,

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when arrangements have been made to get his wife into the Cushman Hospital in Tacoma.

This leaves us with the problem of a suitable native worker in Klawock and here we shall need to depend upon the wisdom and counsel of the National Missions Committee and the rest of you men up there. With your help and the help of Willis Booth, the way seems to be opening up for Sam Johnson to have a home in Hoonah and resume his work. I have written to Willis that we might use Sam's salary check for the payment of these labor costs in establishing his home there until such time as he is ready to settle and continue his ministry. If Sam cannot get back to Hoonah then he might go to Klawock but the way seems to be opening up for his return to Hoonah which is preferable. As soon as Sam is settled in Hoonah, we must consider the possibility of furniture for him. We have two choices, either to get second hand furniture for use in the temporary manse or to buy better furniture with the idea of using it in the new manse. Perhaps the first suggestion may be the better one. When the time comes for this we shall ask you and Willis to counsel with Sam and provide funds for a modest supply of furniture. The furniture for the new manse can be taken from the insurance from the fire which is a legitimate use of that fund. We shall have to use it to supplement the amount available from the Second Church of Newark for building and equipment.

If we can find a minister for Haines, and we have no immediate arrangements made for that yet, it might be Miss Stauffer can be sent to Klawock in case Kasaan is not ready. We shall have to await developments and see what can be worked out. We do not want to leave any of our stations which are active at present without missionary service. It would be better not to reopen a work and leave another one vacant where we have had considerable activity. Ask your group there to consider the possibilities involved in this and consult Verne Swanson and me before a final decision is made. Whenever I write such a paragraph as this suggesting these changes I need to stop and be reminded that people are not checkers and they should have the proper consideration about these moves before they are arranged.

We shall ask Willis Booth to cancel the arrangements of the rent at the Klukwan property for the Pentecostal workers as soon as possible. Meanwhile, we shall try to work out the problem of securing a suitable worker and then ask Willis as Resident Agent of the Board in Alaska to give them thirty days written notice to vacate the property.

Your statement of the loyalty of so many people in Klukwan makes me ashamed for the Board that we have neglected them so long. We trust there is a better day for them and for us in the territory.

We are enclosing an information form for Andrew Wanamaker and hope you will assist him in completing it. We shall want his address for mailing of checks and other communications. When we have this, I want to write him directly welcoming him back to the service of the Church.

We shall write Miss Stauffer to remain at Haines for the present.

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The Rev. Paul H. Prouty

December 21, 1944

Will you assure our people there that we are sincere in our desire to have a consecrated service for them and we want to do everything in our power with the resources and workers at our command to serve them well? We apologize for our mistakes and failures and hope the Lord will give us the possibility of doing a better work throughout the territory.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary

JES:PK Unit of Work in Alaska

Enc. Property Repair Form

" Preliminary Information Form for Mr. Wanamaker

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Board of National Missions
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156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Dec. 30, '44

Dear Earl.

Enclosed is Andrews
Information form, which we
have hurriedly made out before
sailing away for a few days.

Following your instruction the
salary turned back by Ralph Young
is being given to Andrew for the last
half of December. Ralph had
turned this money back right after
he knew he would not be on the boat
for duty again. I appreciate much
the fine cooperation of these men.
Sincerely, Paul

UNIT OF WORK IN ALASKA
THE REV. J. EARL JACKMAN, SECRETARY
156 FIFTH AVENUE
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MOTORSHIP PRINCETON-HALL
THE REV. PAUL H. PROUTY, GENERAL MISSIONARY
BOX 2615
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
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156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Alaska

Feb. 3rd '45

Dear Co-Workers;

I have received no calendars for '45', and no "Monday Morning ", nor "Today". A few periodicals of various departments of our church have come but no Plan Book which leads me to believe that not all publication agencies are familiar with the mission boats address.

Should I write them or is there a more direct way ?

Thanking you for your help in this,

Sincerely,

Paul H. Prouty

February 6, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

Glad to receive your letter dated January seventeenth while you were enroute. All the information which we can get from you is helpful in our picture of the development in Alaska.

Unfortunately in your letter you did not give us the address of Mrs. Charlotte C. Mohle so we are not able to write her a thank you note. We are enclosing the receipt to you asking you to write a note of thanks and later give us her address and we will add our word to it. It is fine for her to follow you in your work and to maintain this interest.

We are sending the other receipts to you also so that you may pass them along to the proper parties. We shall use the \$65.- for furniture for Sam Johnson when he is ready to settle down. You might tell him that we have the money and he can call upon us for it.

We are encouraged to notice that you plan to go on the ways to Metlakatla for the repairs and repainting. We shall be glad to have pictures when the job is finished so that we can get out our little booklet on the history of the boat.

Mr. Swogger has written that Presbytery will be April fourth in Hydaburg and Yukon Presbytery will meet April eighteenth. This will give me an opportunity to be in southeastern Alaska about ten days and go on to the interior for their Presbytery meeting and a visit of the Arctic Coast.

You will be interested to know that Miss Emma Stauffer has ordered and is going to pay for an Estey folding organ for the Princeton-Hall. Evidently your suggestion to her was taken seriously and she wants to make that contribution toward the service which will be rendered through the use of the boat. The organ has been ordered and the cost is to be deducted from her salary. It should be ready for delivery within a month which means that it may take you two or three months to get it. This also brings up the matter about a set of hymnals and Bibles for use on the boat. Walter Soboleff, as Chairman of Christian Education, has been investigating the possibility of a uniform hymnal which will serve the needs of our Indian congregations. He has suggested "Devotional Hymns" from Hope Publishing Company. I have not examined the book yet but will hope to do so in a few days. If it is satisfactory, I would suggest it for all of our churches

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The Rev. Paul H. Prouty

February 6, 1945

which means also that we should have a set of these books on the boat. You might talk to Walter about it and give me your reaction.

A letter from Verne Swanson indicates that he and George Betts feel it would be unwise to send a worker to Alukwan before next Fall. He also specifically states you

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A letter from Verne Swanson indicates that he and George Betts feel it would be unwise to send a worker to Klukwan before next Fall. He also specifically states that you and Walter Soboleff feel that we ought to send one as soon as possible. A letter from Mrs. Sparks, whose car you used to go up to Klukwan, indicates the cultivation of a better spirit there as a result of your visit. She said that some of the people wanted you to come back and have Walter baptize some of their babies. Would it be wise for us to ask you and Walter to visit there once every three months or less through the rest of this winter and summer, have Dan Katzeek come to Presbytery, and then hope to establish a worker next Fall? In this way we could develop their understanding that we want to serve them and the way would be better paved for the full resumption of our work in the Fall. Personally, I would be willing to send a worker now if we had one who was capable of doing the job without leaving another Church to fall back into a similar situation. Give this some more thought and we will see what develops.

Sordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Board of National Missions
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156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Feb. 12 '45

Dear Earl;

The sound of the snow shovel is in my ears as the boys scrape the snow from the deck in SITKA !! . We are preparing to start on the tour for the Gospel-Basketball-team from S.J. S. Ten fine young men are practiced and ready for the trip .

Specifically I write about the budget situation. Am not proud of the slackness of my report, BUT must affirm that some days even twenty-four out of twentyfour hours is not enough for boat care and the emergency work we have been called upon to do. Five years without a boat service has made most people so conscious of a use that there are simply not hours enough to go around.

P-H -
From the boat budget there has been taken,
For Prouty expense to Alaska \$ 359.97 ✓
ck for labor Hoonah huts for S. Johnson 77.46 - *Hoonah*
" " these two paid Willis Booth 38.20 - *Hoonah*
For materials used yet to be paid on same 88.75 - *Hoonah*
\$ 564.38

And of course the wages of Ralph Young came from the budget also , in part.

PH -
The following is immediately in prospect,
New false keel approximate cost P-H \$200.00 - *PH*
Life preservers to meet law requirement 135.00 - *PH*
Labor and materials at Hoonah estimate 125.00 - *Hoonah*
Paint renovation inside and out
at least (for Princeton-Hall) 300.00 - *PH*
760.00

As soon as we get our registry a radio-phone would be practicable.
It will cost near \$700.00

An organ for the chapel has already been missed very much.
A pair of binoculars, not of proper strength is on board but merely loaned. We need a 6-power pair.

(Note, if an organ is to be searched for, it best be a good quality portable one so as to be easily taken on shore)

The boys are coming aboard bag and basket and with lots of enthusiasm. The prospect is for rough weather. We've been taking a lot of it lately. But the proof is, the Christian consecration and the Spirit's blessing makes our work through the years worth while.

With evry good wish,

Paul

February 26, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

We are glad to get a word from you in your busy hours and know of the progress which is coming through your good work. Because you have been so busy our reports from you have been so scarce and we realize that we must get together on your reports and method of book-keeping. We have made up a statement for the Princeton-Hall on two bases. We feel that for the present at least, we ought to have a separate account on renovation costs of the boat and, of course, a permanent record and accounting of its operation. From the reports which we have had from Leslie Yaw and you, we have made up the statements which are enclosed. From here on we have no report and need to have something very definite on it. You will notice in the renovation account we have included one item from the Union Oil Company because it was not clear to us what this was fuel oil or might have included some other things which you needed in preparing the boat. The other oil expenditures were charged to the operating account and probably from here on it would all be charged to that account unless it is used for the renovation of the boat. We have charged your expenses to Alaska in the renovation account but are asking our Treasury for a check to reimburse the renovation account for this item. This amount should be added to the balance which the enclosed statement shows and to keep the account clear probably this item should be stricken out of the enclosed statement.

As we reported to you previously, we have docketed expenses of the boat at the rate of \$1000 a year and would expect you to send us a voucher each month for your operating expenses up to \$83.35 a month. The field receipts would then be held by you as a reserve fund for margin until near the end of the budget year when we should have to make an accounting to clear our report to the Board. There may be a change in this procedure later but we ought to follow this until we get the boat in full operation and all of these matters cleared. You should send us one voucher to cover the amount of expense allowance for the months of October, November, December, January, and February - from then on you should send a voucher regularly to cover the expense. This money may not be necessary because of your

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field receipts from the boat charter for the Alaska Native Brotherhood and other things which have come along but please keep this in a separate account and we will do some further clearing on it when I am with you in April.

Where is Sam Johnson and what is he doing! We have continued to send him his salary check even though he reported he was not at work in Hoonah and told him and Willis Booth to use this money to cover his labor in dismounting the huts in Juneau to be shipped to Hoonah. This should be adjusted and if more is due him then pay it out of the money which you have keeping a separate account and we will straighten that out later, too. Unless Sam Johnson has been ministering in Hoonah it looks as though he might owe us some money. On the other hand, the labor costs may have been much higher than the amount paid by Willis Booth may have indicated. We need some further light and adjustment on this.

We hope that you will have sufficient funds on hand to take care of the cost of renewing the keel and securing the life preservers for the boat. Meanwhile, we had better send you a couple of hundred dollars toward the Hoonah expenses pending the adjustment of this with Sam Johnson. Let the radio-phone on the ship go until I see you. It will be much better for us to work this out together so that we may have sufficient reasons for the expenditure if it should be called in question.

We reported to you that Miss Emma Stauffer had given an organ for the ship and it will come to you in due course of time although the Estey Company requires a month to fill the order and we cannot anticipate how long it will be necessary for the shipment.

Do you want us to investigate the possibility of getting a pair of ~~these~~ power binoculars or do you want to look up there. I agree with you that such a set ought to be a part of the equipment on the boat.

Word has come to me that you have been at Haines and Klukwan again with a very successful visit. I hope this thing will develop in such form that we can make some provision at least by Presbytery time for a ministry to this village.

I am planning to come up for the meeting of Presbytery at Hydaburg on April 4th. If proper transportation can be arranged I would come in through Metlakatla or Ketchikan a day or two before the meeting in time to be picked up with the southern group to go to Hydaburg. Following Presbytery I should want to spend a week or ten days visiting the churches, conferring with the ministers, and having a full conference with the National Missions Committee. I should also like to visit Juneau for a couple of days and Sitka for at least a day. It would be my hope that the boat might be free for this schedule.

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The Rev. Paul H. Prouty

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There is one possible upset in this plan. If proper transportation cannot be arranged from here to Alaska it might be necessary for me to spend my week or ten days in southeastern Alaska prior to the meeting of Presbytery and go on from the Presbytery to the interior for a trip to the Arctic Coast and Presbytery of Yukon in Fairbanks on April 18th. The former plan seems to be more feasible and the one which I would like to follow if possible. We shall give you further word on this later.

As soon as you can get time please do more work on this accounting and reports. We hope it will work out in good shape.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JLJ:FK

Enc. 2 Princeton-Hall Financial Statements
\$359.97 check #16380 referred to in letter

PRINCETON-HALL RENOVATION

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payable to and purpose</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Sept. 1944	Advance from N.Y. Office	\$1500.00		
	Mrs. Maurstad Gift	15.00		
	Marine Supply Co. (Kitchen Equip.)		\$ 14.45	
	Sitka Mercantile Co. (" ")		3.25	
	Leslie Yaw (Telegram's etc.)		16.83	
	Sheldon Jackson School (Charts, etc.)		22.50	
	Marine Supply Co. (Boat Equipment)		26.25	
	Laurence Doig (" ")		4.75	
		\$1515.00	\$ 88.03	\$1426.97
Oct. 1944	Transferred by Leslie Yaw to Paul Prouty			\$1426.97
Oct. 14 to	Meals for laborers		30.55	
Nov. 15, 1944	Freight on goods (Northland Trans. Co.)		12.23	
	Calvin's (Protractor & stamp pad)		3.25	
	James Imlach (Mechanical labor)		5.00	
	Union Oil Co. (Oil products)		22.80	
	Imlach, Imlach & Johnston (Mechanical labor)		32.00	
	David Leash (labor on hull painting)		6.00	
	Hope & David Price (Supt. painting)		6.00	
	Ralph Young (Groceries)		2.30	
	Calvin's (Pilot house frame)		10.50	
	Marine Supply Co. (Equipment)		59.25	
	Sitka Cold Storage (Groceries)		7.28	
	Paul Jacoby (new head valves installation)		117.00	
	James Imlach (mechanical labor)		10.00	
	Ralph Young, Sr. (salary)		62.50	
	Pearl Prouty (expenses to Alaska)		359.97	
	Sheldon Jackson Store (supplies)		15.06	
	Hardware		11.60	
	Groceries		32.54	
	Meat		3.30	
	Tub & Hops		3.75	
			\$813.48	\$1426.97
Nov. 15, 1944	Balance		\$ 613.49	
Sub 26, 1945	sent ck to Paul A. Prouty as credit		359.97	
			\$ 973.46	

PRINCETON-HALL OPERATING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payable to and purpose</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
9-5-1944	Judd's Trip	\$200.00		
9-13-1944	Student Fees	312.00		
9-27-1944	" " "	9.00		
Aug. 14 to	Sitka Cold Storage (Food)		\$ 31.64	
Sept. 15,	Pioneer Bakery (")		6.90	
1944	Nels Bredvik		1.50	
	Standard Oil Co. (Oil)		43.20	
	Clavin's		3.50	
	Sheldon Jackson School (Food)		74.16	
	Leslie Yaw (Telegrams, Food, etc.)		9.50	
	Frank Price (labor)		50.00	
		\$521.00	\$220.40	\$ 300.60
Oct. 1944	Transferred by Leslie Yaw to			
" " "	Paul Prouty			\$ 300.60
" " "	Paul Prouty (Travel Expense)		41.40	
			\$ 41.40	\$ 300.60
Oct. 15, 1944	Balance			\$ 259.20
Oct. 14 to	Fares from Max (\$10) and Hobson (\$5.)	\$ 15.00		
Nov. 15, 1944	Standard Oil Co. (Oil products)		\$ 25.01	
		\$ 15.00	\$ 25.01	\$ 249.19
Nov. 15, 1944	Balance			\$ 249.19

March 2, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

My plans for a scheduled trip before the time of Presbytery still are a bit uncertain but I am wondering about the availability of the boat. You indicated that you had had some conversation with Verne Swanson and Mr. Swogger about picking up the delegates for the Presbytery meeting.

Inasmuch as I have to leave immediately after Presbytery in order to get to Fairbanks in time for their meeting on the 18th, it would seem that all of my visits should be arranged before Presbytery at least at the northern end of the Passage. I am considering the possibility of flying directly to Juneau along about the second or third of April, maybe before, spend a couple of days there making contacts with the Office of Indian Affairs, Harold Foss the architect, and others, then go up to Skagway and Haines, over to Sitka for a few days, and then down for visits at Petersburg and Wrangell on the way south. Would these visits fit in with your plans or do you have something else scheduled for which you need the boat? I am sure you will be called upon to pick up delegates from certain areas and this is to be considered too. If necessary I can fly from Juneau to Sitka for this visit although I want to see Hoonah also.

At your earliest convenience will you tell me something of your plans? Do not feel that you must lay everything else aside for me but as you know boat transportation is more convenient than anything else for these visits here and there.

Cordially yours,

JEJ:FK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
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156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Mar. 3 '45

Dear Earl;

Thanks for the receipts included in your letter of Feb. 6th. Will see that they reach their proper places.

As to the matter of song books and Bibles for the boat I have to report that there were given at the time of dedication 50 Bibles and 75 song books all inscribed with the name of "Princeton-Hall Boat" on them. These are Vesper Chimes and a full size copy of American Bible Society students Bible. There is also a pulpit Bible inscribed.

We do need some Bibles for placing in the hands of youth who have no means and yet are hungry to own one. One such, Andrew Johnson, a bright 14 yr. old boy of Excursion Inlet desires one. I do not enjoy giving a small print Student Bible. I think the devil has something to do with small print Bibles, intended for study. The reader soon tires and puts it down.

In your letter of Feb. 26 the second paragraph surprises me. You mention having reported a docket of expense previously. No letter with such information reached me. In ~~Blackrock~~ the estimate was made by you of probably \$100.00 per month. To which I could neither assent or dissent because there was no precedent to work from. Of course the boats movements may be limited to the budget of \$1000 per yr. but let no one think that sum will keep her in oil and paint if she is active as the field will ask. Certainly we need a lot of clarifying about budget matters. Will be preparing to meet you as it now seems about the first of April or a few days sooner. We will be in Ketchikan or Metlakatla up to near that time. Please address me Metlakatla, with information and direction where to meet you.

Thanks much,

Sincerely,

Paul

Other items of Feb. 26th letter
to be answered in another letter.

Board of National Missions
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156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Mar. 3 '45

Dear Earl,

A phone call from Willis Booth came asking that I write you of Sam Johnson's activities.

Sam's son Harold was in the Juneau hospital with TB all winter. Sam was here with his family on their boat a good share of the time, in the custom of the Native family cohesion. ~~Harold passed on and the funeral service in Juneau was held Feb. 8.~~

On several occasions Sam went on his boat to Hoonah for services there. Once we took him on the Princeton-Hall. He practically every trip does much gratis good service with his boat for anyone in need.

On Feb. 20 I saw him in Sitka where he had gone to return his daughter to S.J.S. after her brother's burial in Angoon. Leslie Yaw was seeking his help to get some heavy contractors machinery towed to Hoonah for the large building program this summer.

Sam gave up to \$50.00 of each month's pay from the Board -- to various aspects of our work in Hoonah.

If every Presbyterian worker who owns a boat here in S.E. Alaska did as much good with them as Sam and Geo. Betts there would be no question of the loyalty of their use. Albeit Geo. Betts questions the practice. Probably the whole matter of our workers owning and operating boats should come under consideration for action. So long as the Chairman of National Missions Committee operates his boat there is in my opinion bound to be an increase of the matters pertaining to the problem and an aggravation of them.

The worker-owner of a boat is constantly put to explanations and alibis whether he realizes it or not. I think it should be small concern of one of them to be alarmed or informing relative to the doings of another.

Am holding the Princeton-Hall in Juneau until the thousands of words of report and narrative are out. It is impossible to be underway on a scheduled run, to be engineer, oiler, mechanic, electrician, cook, dishwasher and co-pilot, beside being missionary and sky pilot, and at the same time be a good reporter and book keeper.

Will today get typed what has been on paper in longhand for weeks.

Sincerely,

Paul

Board of National Missions
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United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Mar. 3 '45

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Dear Earl;

The following paragraphs are not mere theory and I hope will of themselves effect an earnest presentation.

Sincerely,

Paul

Observations from early experience aboard PRINCETON-HALL to aid conclusions for further planning.

1. It is primarily essential for the crew and all who have contact with the mission boat Princeton-Hall to constantly bear in mind that it is not a fish boat, not a freight boat, nor a common-carrier passenger boat. It is primarily a chapel boat, a floating church. Sanctuary behaviour should prevail in its chapel. Smoking is not permissible indoors.
2. For the duration of the war while manpower is depleted, probably the General Missionary must continue with deck hand, mechanical, cooking, dishwashing, ship-care duties. When however, he may have safe efficient help for these duties he will be greatly freed for service and missionary duty ashore. Piloting of the boat requires skill and experience plus arduous hours of work and attention. During the winter month of January 1945 the boat averaged more than five hours per day at sea, which of course involves many more than that number of hours making the vessel shipshape, for trips, and keeping it clean and in order as a worship-sanctuary-boat should be.
3. The committee of Presbytery under whose counsel the schedule of work should be planned will be confronted with the appeal of several choirs desiring to be transported to neighboring communities, with basketball team tours, beside taking delegates to regular conferences, Presbytery and Presbyterial, Sheldon Jackson School student transport, plus Haines House service. It will fall for decision whether to allocate certain time for such long expensive runs with groups, or whether period stopover visitation of two days to two weeks should be regularly scheduled for teaching and preaching missions in such places as Klutwan, Kasaw, Excursion Inlet, Moonah, and all other places where lay-workers desire assistance. Some of these latter have already declared that they feel neglected. It will be remembered that a five year period without a mission boat service has created an accumulation of tasks undone that amounts to a virtual emergency. (over)

Consideration and decision will be required as to whether certain periods will be given to general or athletic itineraries or to worship and forthright religious instruction in mission communities. On file with the committee should be the full list of things-to-do suggested by all the appeals from all the Presbyteries. Thus far the majority of suggestion for boat use has come from Sheldon Jackson School. When the Princeton-Hall was being built the question was asked, "Is the Princeton-Hall to be just another piece of campus equipment for S.J. S. ?". The answer was, "No, the P-H is not being built merely for the purpose of increasing the proportion of S.J. S. prestige." ..

4. "Keeping doors open". Our Presbyterian doors of worship are the doors meant. Throughout the Northwest Coastal states and those of the prairie also, it is well known that many Presbyterian small community churches have closed doors, with other lately-come sects taking over. The same malady has come to S.E. Alaska.. Only a strong will-to-action on the part of Presbytery, determined to maintain regular worship with the resources at hand will overcome the malady and keep our doors open. Leadership from Elders, Lay-workers, and from among the missionary societies are resources available. Personally I feel the urge of this section of Presbyterian life keenly. We must keep our doors open to regular worship and instruction in Christ, with as high standard of leadership as possible, but in any case KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN.

5. We must be as free from race prejudice and as full of inter-racial action as Jesus Christ.

6. Details of repair and renovation and expense for same, involved in transferring the Princeton-Hall from Navy to Church uses are not here discussed. If everything was thrown overboard that has been suggested should be, by wellmeaning people, and everything added that others wish added, gadgets placed here and there, and holes cut here and there, what a boat it would be !!

7. My desire for membership in the Presbytery of Alaska is conditioned by their strength of their will-to-action in these matters.

Paul H. Prouty

(unattached letter)
Prouty, The Rev. Paul H., Juneau, Alaska (See Princeton-Hall slip also)

Mr. P. does not think that \$1000 running expense is enough for annual grant. The following is what was paid for Boat Maintenance in the past per docket sheets on file:

1935-36 - "Princeton" - helper \$525.- 12 mos.
 " - Maintenance - \$300.- (no time specified)
 "Lindsley" - Maintenance - \$150.- " " "

1936-37 - "Princeton" - Verne Swanson - \$1450.- 12 mos. salary
 " - Helper 500.- 10 mos. "
 " - Maintenance 300.- (no time specified;
 \$241.81 quit 9/30/37
 receipts)
 "Lindsley" - Maintenance - \$ 150.00 (no time specified)
 \$63.35 quit during yr.)
Marine Insurance - \$350.- - Quit 9/30/37)
1937-38 - "Princeton" - Verne Swanson - \$1450.- 12 mos. salary
 " - Helper - 600.- 12 mos. salary
 " - Maintenance - 300.- (no time specified)
 " " 94.69 add'l grant during yr.
 "Lindsley" - Maintenance - 150.- (no time specified)

1938-39 - "Princeton" - Verne Swanson - \$1243.75-9 mos. salary
 John G. Falconer- 500.- -4 mos. salary
 " - Helper - 600.- 12 mos. (quit \$76.70
 9-30-39)
 " - Maintenance - 500.-
 5.44 Add'l grant
 "Lindsley" - Maintenance - 150.- (quit \$22.56 9-30-39)

1939-40 - "Princeton" - J.G. Falconer - \$1500.- 12 mos. salary
 " " " 120.- 12 mos. rent
 " - Maintenance - 500.- (Quit \$283.76 2/26/40)
 "~~Lindsley~~"--~~Maint~~

1940-41 - Boat Captain.....\$450.- 6 mos. salary
 (\$325.- quit 10/6/1941)
 " Helper 300.- 6 mos. salary
 (\$250.- quit 10/6/1941)
 " Maintenance..... 270.- (\$32.07 quit 10-6-1941)

Emergency Boat Expense
in lieu of "Princeton" - \$170.-
 \$117.02 add'l docketed during yr.

1941-42 - Princeton-Hall - Navigator - \$ 900.- 12 mos. salary
 " " - Maintenance 1000.- (\$996.87 quit 7/30/42)
Emergency boat expense 170.-

Prouty, The Rev. Paul H.

Presbytery to take action on Church program of Princeton-Hall to protect both the boat and the General Missionary. This action can then be circularized to protect both.

Consider Hoonah and Princeton-Hall Financial Accounts with Mr. Prouty:

See Princeton-Hall financial statement copy's attached.

\$200.- was sent Mr. Prouty on 3-12-1945 from the Hoonah Account at the office to replace the portion of boat expense used for the Hoonah project. Mr. Johnson also put \$50.- a month from his salary into this Hoonah work.

Andrew Wanamaker having financial difficulty; Mr. Prouty wants to talk with Mr. J. re: this and if possible try to find the means so that he could get \$1800.- per year net after withholding tax is deducted. This would be achieved if he received \$30.- per month in addition to present salary the \$30 being an allowance for the fact of his supplying his own dwelling.

Radio-phone on the ship to be taken care of; work this out so as to have sufficient reasons for expenditure if it should be called in question. (cost \$700. *Get more information. 500.*)

What about 6 power binoculars - Are we to secure them for the boat or will Mr. Prouty get them up in Alaska. *Get in states*

What is the address of Mrs. Charlotte G. Nohle who made such generous contributions to Mr. Prouty and his work. *Dore, N.D.*

Organ for P.H. has been ordered and should be on the way for the boat as a gift from Miss Emma Stauffer *Arrived*

No 1945 calendars were sent to Mr. Prouty; only Bingle in Alaska receives them per Miss Warden; Is Mr. Prouty to have them in the future? *500.*

BIBLES for distribution on Princeton-Hall: Inf. from American Bible Society that Dr. Ralph W. Bayless, Secretary on the Pacific Coast, will get in touch with The Rev. Mr. Prouty to find out exactly what his needs are and then to do what he can. The A.B.S. have set aside a modest appropriation for Alaska and they feel certain that Dr. Bayless can offer some help.

\$500.- add'l was sent Mr. Prouty on 3-21-1945 for any emergency for repairs on the PRINCETON-HALL. *✓*

March 12, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

As time goes on there is every evidence of a need for conference with many people in Alaska over matters which need to be cleared. We thought everything had been arranged between us but evidently there are still some things which we need to work out. My trip to the Territory ought to be very helpful.

Glad to know that you will be in the vicinity of Metlakatla near the time of my arrival. I have been a little concerned about working out a satisfactory schedule to cover my trip to southeastern Alaska for the meeting of Presbytery. I have had it in the back of my mind to try to attempt to fly with the Army from Seattle to Annette Field and have written to the Chaplain in Anchorage asking if he can make this arrangement for me. It is my hope to leave New York City the afternoon of March twenty-ninth arrive in Seattle the morning of the 30th and fly north to Annette the afternoon of the 30th or the 31st. This would cause me to appear suddenly in Metlakatla without being able to tell you how I am getting there. It probably will be better for me to spend Sunday in Metlakatla and Ketchikan before going north.

I want to spend two days in Juneau and two days in Sitka as well as making a contact with all of the rest of the places along the way. If your time is largely taken, I can fly from Juneau to Sitka and give you those two days at home which you will probably need after being away so long.

We must go over the whole matter of the use of the Princeton-Hall in the Presbytery and have a complete understanding that we have a Church program which must come first. It will be necessary for us to ask Presbytery to take action protecting you and the boat from too many calls.

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The Rev. Paul H. Prouty

March 12, 1945

We can then circularize the action of Presbytery to all churches for your protection.

We shall try to make arrangements with the American Bible Society for some missionary Bibles available to you so that you will have them to give to those who do not have a copy.

We are enclosing a check made payable to you for the money which you spent on your house. We are sending two checks totaling \$100 for the stove for the Angoon manse directly to the company from which it was purchased. We are also enclosing a check for \$200 made payable to you to replace a portion of your expense for the Hoonah work. We are doing this to protect your account and will make the balance payable as soon as we can get something accomplished.

We have looked over the plans and report from your Committee on the new Church for Hoonah. I have sounded out the powers that be concerning the possibility of more money for the Church and have received a deaf ear. We have no assurance of any more money now so we will have to make some readjustment in the plans. This might wait until I arrive. I shall write to Mr. Foss, Willis Booth, and Walter Soboleff.

More later near the time of departure. The above schedule will hold but if there is a change at the last minute I will wire Mr. Swogger in case you might not be present when the wire is received.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEW:PK

Enc. Checks #17345-\$22.70
and #17282-\$200.--

Enc. CC Mr. Foss' letter

Prouty

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

March 15, 1945

Mr. Frank H. Mann
American Bible Society
Park Avenue and 57th Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Mann:

We have been able to repurchase from the government our mission boat, the Princeton-Hall, in southeastern Alaska and are in the process of reconditioning it for missionary service.

In the work of our missionary, The Rev. Paul H. Prouty of Juneau, he finds that there are many Native and White homes where there are no Bibles. Many people ask him for a copy of the Scriptures for the home and for individual devotional purposes. We are wondering if it is possible for the Society to make us a grant of Bibles and Testaments for use in Alaska. If we get a favorable action on this we should have them sent probably from the west coast to Mr. Prouty. We should understand at the beginning that we have no way of guaranteeing any receipts from these. There will be a few cases where money will be received which we can forward to the Society but in most cases these would be outright gifts to Indian and White adults and children.

We would appreciate your consideration of this matter and would hope for a favorable response.

Cordially yours,

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J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Alaska By

THE PRINCETON-HALL FACES MARCH WIND.

The barometric pressure indicated in Juneau that the weather might not all be fair but the inhabitants of Hoonah who are beginning the reconstruction of their town after the disastrous fire of last summer had not been visited for weeks. It was necessary for their encouragement to be present for a meeting, and that meeting could well be fitted in with the trip South.

The more complete renovation of the boat would take place in Metlakatla after the pastor, Rev. Alfred D. Swogger had visited nearby churches over which he is Moderator. The Princeton*-Hall has the privilege of bringing these fields and workers together.

The evening at Hoonah was a triumph of harmonious planning and discussion after a complete circle of prayer by the Elders. The missionary boat and its crew could leave with rejoicing for the visit.

Gibson Young had come to the boat in Juneau with the desire to assist in the painting, first the removal of the Navy grey, and then the careful painting on of the new white. The three men Wanamaker, Prouty, Young left Hoonah with uncertain March conditions before them, but try to get through they must.

Point Gardner was the first real test of the trip. The sturdy little ship came round the point proudly and with good and graceful

The Princeton-Hall faces March Wind.

speed, to plow directly into high rolling tide-rips piled up by March manners. After a short run out into the Sound, Pilot Vansaker correctly decided it was unwise to expose the ship to the violent pounding against the waves even with engine speed reduced, so he turned back to Tyee Harbor. A meeting that evening at Kake had been hoped for, but if we could not get there Rev. Geo. Watts of Petersburg had given his word that he would assist them so it was decided that because of the delay in Tyee, the boat should go on to Metlakatla as soon as possible, the shortest route being chosen.

Before daylight next morning, because morning is the time many perilous winds are avoided, we got underway. This was the seventh of March, and immediately out of Tyee harbor the waves of Frederick Sound were raising foam with fair frenzy. For two hours it was progress from one wave to another and not with gentle motion. But the course chosen, after Frederick Sound was crossed, included the quiet Keku Straits. The waters of these Straits are quiet, but the pass through them is also properly named by the Native Alaskans "Rocky Pass". To put a boat through this pass in any but low water is to invite almost certain disaster. Rocks are everywhere and many are hidden by high tides, but are so near the surface as to be easily seen in slack water, (low-tide). Our boat passed through with ease and enjoyment. The shores had geese and mallard wild-fowl, and the red cedar forest gave prophetic promise as to its usefulness in the future. But the calm and comely could not continue.

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Wide Burner Straits at ~~the~~ bend where strong winds join forces with tide to toss boats about with ease were ahead. Our boat plunged in, but not for long. It was certain to suffer in that March malice.

A safe anchorage had to be found and soon. With skill and effort on the part of the pilot the ship was brought about safely and headed for refuge off an old fox farm on Conclusion Island. This refuge was good for daylight, but its small size made it untenable for our boat at night. And too the waves came in, threatening an anchors grip .

A try was made to reach Baker Point anchorage, but again the Sumner crossing was tossing too high . The only thing left was to return to Keku Straits with the dangerous gravel bars and rocks and reefs. Darkness had now fallen. We tried our search light. It would not pierce the snow and mist . Of course our progress was slow and all were watching with intensity for signs of the anchorage our pilot knew was there . Suddenly the ship shivered, not violently but unmistakably . She had struck, and she had stopped . By quick and powerful reversing of the engine she moved backward with no damage, off a gravel bar and was eased outward and onward in slow search for water wide enough and deep enough and calm enough for safety. After semi-circling slowly and using the sounding lead-line to test depth, the anchor was dropped for the night. Now thankfully the hours of rest were received.

When morning came again the journey onward was undertaken. The first week of March had ended, and that was the week Metlakatla was supposed to be reached, but had the mood of March in Clarence Strait been known, the anchor most certainly would not have been hoisted. No radio or other means of ship to shore communication being aboard there was no course but to "try and see". Through Snow Pass the water was moderate and not uncomfortable . In Clarence Strait it was clear to a sailor eye that the clouds meant squalls and trouble.

But there was no haven now but Ratz Harbor, more than two hours away. To its side of the Strait we made our way. The waves came on higher and oftener, the wind mounting in strength. Then snow and rain squalls filled the air. Engine speed was reduced to make the pounding blows to the ship as light as possible, but blows they were and pounding it was. The oil and the cooling water is always carefully supplied to the machinery when it is under such strain.. The jar to the body of a ship with the impact against many tons of water is terrific. With wave after wave to meet it is marvelous how they endure the thuds they do.

Ratz Harbor light appeared, yes a flash every four seconds, the location searched for, was found. One of us now for more than an hour had been bailing water by the bucketful that came in thro the keyholes even and around doors and hatches. Those waves surely had pressure. Almost unbelievably a wave would roll up the side of the pilot house and force water in a squirt even, through the keyhole ! The other two were intent on guiding the ship through the waves and the mist, to the narrow harbor opening between rugged rocks. An unusual sound was heard above the storms roar -- what was it ?. Gibson Young who was bailing water identified the new sound as coming from the engine room. Missionary-engineer Prouty hurriedly investigated and found the cooling water hose disconnected, the water escaped, the engine hot and about to stop. Shortly it did stop. With the ship only fifty yards from the fierce rocks !! And yet, within a hundred and fifty yards of calm !! The wind howled and came from the direction directly forcing the ship toward the rocks. It was a most dangerous situation. (Need I say that ?) "Drop anchor" Andrew Wansmaker shouted. The anchor was trustworthy. It had been tried one night

when the ship rocked so much the sleepers had to hold themselves in their bunks. But the anchor had held and we felt confident it would hold now.

The pilot held the ships head into the wind while the engineer and aid dropped the first heavy anchor, then the second lighter one. The ship would not be dashed against the rocks, but how violently it was tossing about, within so short a distance of them.

Again attention was turned to the engine, the hose was clamped on again. It had time to cool while the anchors were being dropped and tested, so fresh cooling water was put in and it was started again.

Oh joy ! The anchors were raised as the engine power held the ship steady away from the rocks and turned it safely into the harbor. For thirty-six hours we waited for the storm to abate sufficiently to reach the next port, Ketchikan, we are days past schedule to reach Metlakatla, but we are safe and praising God for it.

(If only He will bless our strenuous expenditure of energy and means ! Will you pray with and for us ? . Thanks.

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Mar. 17 '45

Dear Earl;

It seems a long time for a letter to require two weeks to reach you when it has been sent airmail, but that is the case with yours of Mar. 2nd. Am filing a telegram in reply in order that you may have answer without further delay.

Mr. Swogger is anxious for you to visit Metlakatla. The Pan American planes stop now at Annette Island and it would be the plan to assist you by boat or the easy plane service is readily available from Ketchikan to all points.

The Princeton-Hall will be ready at Juneau for you by Saturday March 1st. You could then easily reach Haines and Klukwan for Taylor or be at Skagway that day. I would prefer your being at the former two points for their joy in having their vacant pulpits filled. The 5th you could be in Sitka, and if you chose, go with the S.S.B. as it gathers delegates for Presbytery, going to Angoon, Kake, -- or you could backtrack with the Princeton Hall as it goes North to Skagway thence South through Petersburg, Wrangell, Ketchikan and Metlakatla, and around Cape Chacon to Hylaburg.

Between the 1st and 8th there would be time for a timely visit at Hoonah, in fact your letter suggests exactly the points I had hoped you would visit.

Our worthy boat has escaped an almost dire calamity. I know that sounds almost melodramatic, but when I tell you the fact that shipworms had begun their work underneath the Navy sheathing at the waterline, and also in the keelson (continuation of main keel) you readily see what I mean. We could not replace the iron bark sheath, it was of too thin material and had warped (permitting the entrance of worms, "teredo navalis") and was split too badly for re-use. Sections of the wormeaten wood are being cut out and replaced.

Thanks for your telegram stating the information of five hundred being forwarded. And thanks for the fact of the funds being provided. A thousand dollars would be cheap escape from the worm damage begun but the work will not cost near that I am confident. We are exceedingly fortunate to have anyone at all to work on repairs here now.

Your stay in Juneau should be completed before we go North so that we do not have to double around Douglas Island, losing 10 hours thereby. From the North we could then go directly down Chatham Strait to Hoonah and Sitka.

Sincerely,

Paul

May 21, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

There are two specific things now and will write you more later:

I have looked over the possibilities for repairs this summer and find that there will be enough money to cover most of our part of the needs of southeastern Alaska. I am suggesting that we make available about \$200 for additional repairs on the house in which you are living. I noticed the spouting was in bad condition and there will probably be several other things which ought to be done within this amount. These repairs should be done before Fall.

I have seen in someone's reports and letters, presumably yours, the description of the communion service at Klukwan in which a man refused to take communion as long as he was not on speaking terms with another man who was present. The other instant was the one at Kasaan which indicated the change in atmosphere and attitude among the children when you actually came to the administration of the Sacraments. We feel these two instances could well be used in the publicity material which Dr. Limouze desires to have printed in connection with World Wide Communion Sunday.

If you have written on both of these and we have mislaid it please forgive us. We are now writing to ask you to give us a description of both events so that this material can be compiled this summer. We would appreciate it as early as you can get it in your busy schedule.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
JEJ:FK

May 24, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

Could you get us about twelve copies each of the three pictures which you sent about the Princeton Hall - the one with Sheldon Jackson School in the background, you and Andrew on board the boat, and the other one with the mountains in the background. Miss Gillespie has asked for these for the supporting groups. Thank you for your help.

As I reported to you while in Alaska, we were hoping for additional funds to give you a small increase in salary. The additional funds have not come but we are making the increase anyway. Beginning April 1st you are to have an additional \$10 a month. On your June voucher you will call for this amount for April, May, and June and then call for it regularly thereafter. We are asking the Treasury Department to include this amount in the June check so it will be covered. This is an expression of appreciation of your devotion to your task.

Cordially yours,

JEW:FK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Ketchikan, Aaa.
May 24 '45

Dear Earl;

Bit by bit we're gaining on the undone things aboard
our boat. It looks much more ship shape than when you saw
it.

Sheldon Jackson commencement is out of the way, students
are home again, now the Summer Conference is ahead with my share
being the Vesper services. May God transform the errors.

I saw the pamphlet on the Metlakatla record and enjoyed
it, Mr. Swogger is pleased with it. It surely is apropos, and kindly
keen.

Now that the war in Europe is over there will be a per-
iod of indefiniteness about many things. Probably confused
aims with controversy. I have some aims myself but will try
to keep them in order and not rock the boat any more in peace than
in war.

~~John Thomson is on the job in Wrangell,~~ Dr. Faris
is expected before long in Metlakatla, so with the summer schedule
of our boat including the help of a team from S.J.S. staff, cooper-
ating with all this other new blood we should at least have an inter-
esting time, even tho there may be a vast casualty of embryo ideas.

the 25th.

A day has passed since I began this. The opportunity
came when we could get on a grid for hull examination. Juneau
nor Metlakatla nor Sitka could spare us time from their care of
fishing boats. But the Enterprise Machine Shop, Ketchikan, agents
in S.E. Alaska for our marine Gray engine, allowed us time between
stays of oil by jacking up the engine and turning the midline oil and this crew
are happy with a necessary job done. Sea weed was collecting
and we have produced the hull and the painted thrice yearly at least.

As planning to mail a good many pictures of the boat in
its white color, there was just an accident on my part to send
out pictures while it was the dark color. Have asked for fifty
copies each of 5 x 7, Princeton-Hall with mountain background, 1945
with Sheldon Jackson school background, and the P-H cabin and crew.
And I shall explain, the weather would not permit us taking good pic-
tures any sooner. The Census Bure. some of Alaska's finer photo-
graphs were employed, their work is expensive, but much better
quality.

Sincerely,

Paul

June 6, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

Our Treasury Department is anticipating the possibility of getting some war surplus material and they are asking for us to list our needs. I am wondering if it is possible for us to list some of the needs of the Princeton-Hall with the hope of getting this material from war surplus supplies. The six power binoculars and the radio call and receiving set are two things that come to my mind. I am not sure that it will do us very much good to list those through this office; it might be better for you to try and get them up there from the Army or Navy.

There may be other things which you may need which could be secured in this way. From our experience on the Princeton-Hall I would want you to inspect them personally someplace in your vicinity before purchasing them regardless of the cost. Look over your needs and let us know as early as possible.

You will be interested to know that Jackson Webster, formerly of Sitka, has expressed his interest in Wrangell and the Wrangell Church through Mr. Thornquist has expressed their willingness to have him. John Thomson wants to be relieved by September first and we will arrange for The Webster's to come up prior to that time.

Verne Swanson wrote that Paul Whiteside's services had been requested at Hydaburg instead of Miss Stauffer. There are two main reasons for this. A woman would have a difficulty in taking care of the fuel for the manse, and the Church would prefer an ordained minister. We have written to Paul Whiteside and, evidently, something in my letter irritated him because he declined the appointment feeling that his own theory of mission work is still different from the activities of the men in Alaska Presbytery. In addition, he felt he could not get along on the salary.

June 6, 1945

We received a protest from Earl Ohmer in Petersburg against the transfer of George Betts. However, George is planning to go to Hoonah in the Fall even if the Church and house are not ready and begin his ministry. The officers of the Petersburg Church have expressed a welcome to William Duguqua and that arrangement seems to stand. George Betts has asked to be off during July and August to go fishing. He will then go to Hoonah as early as possible in September.

I wrote to Sam Johnson about his jumping around last winter and his appointment to Kake for next winter. We have made it plain to him that he must settle down in Kake and stay on the job. We have heard nothing from him. I feel kindly to Sam and we must be a little stern with him.

I think I wrote you that we do have a little extra money for repairs but the final list has not been approved yet so I have not notified all the men of the amount available. We hope to clear this shortly.

Kenneth Fox, who is to go to Haines, has been delayed because of a hernia operation. The doctor advises him not to travel until August but he hopes to leave in July. We are thinking seriously of sending his car with the family. I cannot tell you exactly when he will arrive.

Miss Stauffer has asked to remain at Haines House and we have approached Miss Voss who in turn is writing to Mrs. Maurstad about this possibility.

We have not heard from you yet concerning your recommendation on the annual use tax for the boat. It is due July first and should be cared for before that time. Also, we have not heard from you concerning the procedure on your finances and reports. We know you are busy and doing your work but we do not want these things to get too far behind.

Andrew Wanamaker is being restored into an active relationship with the pension plan and we are asking our Treasury Department to deduct the 3% each month from his salary and pay it to the Board of Pensions. Andrew's payments are taken care of up to March 31, 1945. From there on we will ask the Treasury Department to pick up. For your information, our Treasury Department will deduct the 3% from the salary of each one of our lay-workers who enter the plan. We have checked with Pensions on the four lay-workers and their Western representative is approaching them about their membership in the Plan. As you know, the Board has a rule that each employee must enter the plan or else sign a waiver releasing the Board from any responsibility.

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The Rev. Paul E. Prouty

June 6, 1945

Leslie Yaw reports that you have two of the faculty of Sheldon Jackson School on the boat for a Bible School program and we trust that you are having a great summer in that work. Rich blessings upon you!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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CC The Rev. Verne Swanson, Hydaburg, Alaska

UNIT OF WORK IN ALASKA
THE REV. J. EARL JACKMAN, SECRETARY
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, 10, N. Y.

JUN 25 1945
MOTORSHIP PRINCETON-HALL
THE REV. PAUL H. PROUTY, GENERAL MISSIONARY
BOX 2615
JUNEAU, ALASKA

*Unusual Kasaan
6/16/45*

Board of National Missions
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156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

June 15 '45

Dear Earl;

To use a phrase from one of your letters here before me, "in the midst of all the accumulated correspondence" there must come first the action necessary to do our job in Kasaan.

The Church of Christ group, with a boat for regular scheduled calls, have set up a summer program for Kasaan. A resident for the summer canning season has a room allotted her to carry on Sunday school in our Church. Rev. Mr. Railsbeck is scheduled to give every Monday night worship services, also in our Church. Monday is the day off here, the strategic time for an evening service. The Sup't and white company employees are kindly disposed to Mr. Railsbeck, but not opposed to us. We simply haven't been in their picture.

All things considered I have decided that our utmost should be exerted at once to get the worship of our church in our own hands. This other group were here last year and the enclosed letter from perhaps the towns most able family head will help indicate the trend.

Went to Ketchikan and placed the matter before Mr. Freeman as a serious one, asking for his cooperation in supplying a summer worker from his congregation. He responded enthusiastically offering perhaps one of his best, a Mrs. Louise Collier, we had a conference with Mrs. Collier and she agreed to come or get someone to come. Miss Marge Giblin (?) may be available, from Haines House, now awaiting marriage ties to be consummated when her soldier is released. That may be in the fall.

Pelican City is a new point where they are begging us to come. Am hopeful Gibson Young can assist us there.

The two from Sheldon Jackson staff are doing a bang-up job with vacation Bible school here in Kasaan.

I will take initiative putting in motion temporary plans and pray for God's guidance that they may be more for good than for ill. Details in soon letters. Saturday the 16th is the date set for decisions.

The Kasaan church will pay \$20 monthly toward salary of worker, for three summer months.

Sincerely Paul

Last evening, Andrew and I with five others hearted down ten years mouse hole walls. growth of brush around

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Ketchikan, Alaska
June 19, 1945

Rev. Mr. J. Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Earl:

Enclosed are the two incidents in connection
with Communion services which you wrote about. Hope
they may be of some worth to you. Thanks for the
opportunity of presenting them.

Sincerely

Paul H. Prouty

Paul H. Prouty

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Alaska
"Sweet. Be Reconciled to your brother."
"They're running wild."

Board of National Missions
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June 23 '45

Dear Earl;

Thanks for the favorable reply to the Kasaan plan.

Here is how the matter finally worked out. We met as a counsel group, Mr. & Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Helen Hatch, Miss Cora Houk, (these latter from S.J.S. who taught school through eight days at Kasaan) together with Verne Swanson who was in Ketchikan for medical treatment and Mrs. Louise Collier. Mrs. Collier, a woman of rich personality and good ability, used to community work, had thought the way clear for her staying in Kasaan for the summer. Her opening statement to the group was "The last 24 hours have changed everything for me". She was probably having to go out to Seattle on theretofore totally unexpected matters. We felt disappointed till Mr. Freeman volunteered, "I think I can go out with some of my people every Monday night". That was a life saver. Monday is the best time for the cannery people to have a service of worship. Sunday they are cleaning up the left over fish from the week end, and Monday is their rest day.

Hence it is arranged that beginning Monday the 25th the Freeman group from his church will go by boat (3hrs. at ten knots) each Monday through the summer.

To insure the beginning success I gave Mr. Freeman \$50 from the Princeton -Hall funds so he would be able to hire the boat for two or three Sundays at least. No one knows the exact amount of offering that will come in, but \$5 per Sunday is guaranteed. A copy of my letter is enclosed, to Mr. Freeman, asking for an early survey of progress so we may cooperate in whatever is necessary to be done.

The Railsbeckfamily had Kasaan spotted for their Monday services, indicating it to be the strongest point available to them. They have a very fair boat for getting about. We trust they will allow us to use our own church!

The Pentacostal people are bringing in a missionary boat, with public address system so they can go into a small harbor and broadcast all over the place. Walter, last winter suggested that we should have a loud speaker for hymns, in fishing hamlets and camps. Something like his installation at Memorial Church.

On our way North, the stern bearing gave way and we will be here in Juneau till it can be repaired. It was of rubber, then wood, now we will probably use babbitt metal. Sincerely, Paul

JUN 28 1945

To Rev. Edward Freeman
Ketchikan, Alaska

Copy

The 23rd June

1945

Dear Ed.

The time is rapidly approaching for your initial service at Kasaan. I am praying it will be fruitful, and I have every confidence it will be.

Have written Mr. Jackman of your willingness to go and we will await a report from you as to developments and further needs.

Will you please let me know and Mr. Jackman too if you wish, about the amount required to hire the boat. Robert Young suggested that perhaps the "Trader", owned by Bill Irvine could make one trip, at a time when you could either go to or return from, Kasaan. The plane might occasionally drop you off or pick you up. It will develop into a real missionary department for your church I believe. Our whole Presbyterian Church would be greatly used of God if it by and large did such spade work.

Please drop me a card, care of S.J. S. Sitka, telling of the result and cost of this coming first Monday. Thanks.

With every kindly thought for your fine family,

Sincerely,

Paul H. Prouty

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June 25

Dear Earl;

Its really lots of fun to be prompt with correspondence and I love it but perhaps its wasting breath to say so. The demands of a boat are so exacting when it is underway, being repaired, or being made ready for sea duty, taking on supplies, that the crew thereof has a considerable task. The view of the older men here in Alaska seem to be at considerable variance with mine as to how our Princeton-Hall should be kept. While in Ketchikan the other day and Verne Swanson was aboard, I put my finger to the ceiling and made a mark through the black soot gathered there and said "Andrew doesn't seem to be much interested in this sort of thing". Verne's reply was, "I wouldn't be interested either". To them a boat need not necessarily be kept shipshape. I feel there is a great opportunity to teach sanitation and cleanliness through the example of our mission boat. Other boats are around us and tied to us in every port of any size that are cleaner than ours. How our men can tolerate such is beyond me.

Andrew is definitely making plans to go fishing thro July and August. Mr. Yaw initiated the suggestion, desiring a crew under Andrew Hope for the S.J.S.II. Now that we have a break in his service I am frank to say my mind is busy thinking out some other service for Andrew where he can employ his ability in a more appreciable way. My thought is this. There are villages needing both lay-worker service and building repairs. Kake, to-wit. Kasaan coming up. Petersburg, with a considerable repair. Andrew's forte is carpentering. Could we put Andrew in such places, to have charge of assembling local labor (he is a pretty good boss of native work) and holding services in the process? I really believe it to be an enlarged sphere for him. *His wife could be with him.*

As to Sam Johnson going to Kake, there seems to be doubt about it. Geo Betts reports that "Sam is going to take a rest". Elder Martin from Kake told me yesterday that he too understands that Sam is not going to continue as a lay worker for the present. It seems that the behaviour of Sam's sons has embarrassed him and he feels his prestige in temporary eclipse at least. It was Elder Martin's hope that Arthur Johnson could take ~~his~~ training and become their lay worker.

I would be willing to call on Andrews projects here or there and assist in keeping them ambitiously in motion. Have not mentioned this thought to him, it would be better coming from you. Will however, if temporarily advisable, resume with Andrew in Sept.

Sincerely Paul

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June 25 '45

Dear Earl;

Its a long time from June 6th to now. But such is the way with isolation and distance in some parts of Alaska. Am just replying to some of your query and kind report in letter to me and Verne Swanson, written June 6th .

The things we need, to be equipped as well as other church boats in this area are as follows.

Ship-to-shore radio. I was investigating yesterday about the cost of new guaranteed installations which are available now. I know of no Army or Navy sale of such here in Alaska. Juneau delivery, and installation, with later servicing would cost \$725 . Seattle delivery with self installation and no servicing would be \$700 . The choice is obvious, but will make no definite arrangement until license from Alaska Communications Bureau is obtained. This is held in abeyance till we have our boat registration . The Sitka office of Customs has been very dilatory in that matter but I believe it will be in now any day. I have the blanks for applying for the Communications license..

Binoculars-- will get on lookout, had left same for your finding, was hoping some would be available in the East.

Mimeograph--- if the boat cannot afford one of mechanical efficiency, preferably, A.B. Dick, then I shall finance one personally. Ink smearing not wanted .

I6 M.M. Sound projector.-- I understand even Verne Swanson wishes one of these. That ought to prove their desirability and worth.

Public address system . To me this seems rather extra-curricular but some clamor for it.
? ? ?

The new galley arrangement, has added more room, made the temperature much cooler and bearable, and reduces smoke and oil odors also removes much cooking odor and grease smoke.

More to follow, but not about equipment.

Sincerely,

Paul

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Alaska By

June 26 '45

Dear Earl;

Enclosed is the receipt for the annual tax on our boat. I have a copy of it for posting on the boat till the stamp comes. The regular form application blank has been filled in by the Juneau office of Collector of Internal Revenue and forwarded by them to New York, via Washington.

Now that I have had practically a year of observation in most of the ports of Southeastern Alaska I am ready to present what seems to me a reasonable proposed schedule of the use of our time. Up to now there has been rather a hazy plan, but there was no precedent for definite following so we had to proceed by experiment and trial and error.

It is essential to adopt some such schedule because there is growing unrest in some quarters because some feel they have not the amount of service or assistance they are entitled to. For instance, Sheldon Jackson School has many tasks in the concept of their sphere and would without doubt desire the entire charge and use of our boat.

The Stated Clerk by reason of long years of contact has plans which to many would be wise and would consume considerable time.

The newer men are as full of propositions as the proverbial pup is full of any number of things, all consuming time.

The lay-workers in the villages feel they were short changed last winter. Not enough time spent with them they say.

When I am in Sitka the members of the National Missions Committee there feel I do not spend enough time with them in their homes, therefore probably my home visitations are not ample.

After more than a month away from home and Juneau on straight service to S.J.S. and Summer Conference, and Bible school with restoring Kasaan, I find Willis Booth feeling partially dispossessed because he "knew not where" to reach me so that he might direct me to go to Hoonah and assist in measuring up our lots so that information would be his about whether or not trespass was occurring. I presume had he known how he would have practically required that I drop everything else and do his errand. When I asked about his using the plane and going over himself (it would have been less cost than paying the expense of our boat travel) for the emergency survey he demurred about "uncertainty of plane travel".

So, while I can comprehend that I may seem somewhat belligerent I am only desiring to claim time for general missionary work as seen from the missionary watchtower, and from the pilothouse of a boat that has to reckon with the sea.

From my study of your outline and notes left for my use after your visit last Spring it is apparent you feel, and I agree, that the churches having lay-workers should be visited each quarter. The summer quarter probably excepted. Therefore, for first, second, and last quarters of the year we should without fail be present with each lay-worker for evangelistic services, baptisms, and other Spiritual fellowship. I figure this will consume eight of the thirteen weeks of each quarter.

When summer schools and the pioneering at Pelican City brings us to Sept. the arrangement is already agreed upon for the collection of students for S.J.S., taking children to Haines, moving Cyrus Peck, and I would like your reaction as to the extensive use of our boat to get our people to hear E. Stanley Jones in Juneau and Ketchikan.

A sample quarter would look something like this.

July, last three weeks in Bible schools, week of 4th impracticable.
 Aug. more Bible schools and village and fish camp visitations.
 Sept. 1st week, students to S.J. S. and children to Haines.
 2nd week, moving Cyrus Peck and gathering those desiring
 to hear E. Stanley Jones in Juneau.
 3rd week Jones in Juneau.
 4th week Jones in Ketchikan.

Oct. All with lay workers, and Conference for Adults in Sitka.
 Nov. With lay workers and ten days out for Native Brotherhood
 Convention. (Some time you know, for gathering delegates
 and then taking them home, with incidental
 errands)

Dec. Trip to Haines with Christmas gifts, weather permitting,
 and last winter schedule up Lynn Canal. It is invit-
 ing trouble to go up there from Christmas to Easter.
 Visiting what layworkers may have been unable to have
 communion in previous weeks.

These are undetailed suggestions I agree, considerable leeway must be allowed for weather and other infiltrating errands. Some time is necessary for accommodations, but in the main, to avoid charges of inefficient use of time, a general schedule fixed and solid as Gibraltar is all that will answer some of our unknowing critics.

More to follow, Publicity is on the
 make.

In His service,

Paul

File
Paul Prouty folder
Miss Mabel M. Sheibley
Dr. J. Earl Jackman

June 29, 1945

Paul Prouty has rewritten the two communion instances
and we are attaching them for your use. We hope they
are not too late.

JEJ:FK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

Att.: copies of "First, Be Reconciled to Your Brother"
and
"They're Running Wild"

